

RESOLUTION R-5304

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KIRKLAND RATIFYING THE 2017 UPDATE TO THE LAKE WASHINGTON/CEDAR/SAMMAMISH WATERSHED OR WATER RESOURCE INVENTORY AREA (WRIA) 8 CHINOOK SALMON CONSERVATION PLAN.

1 WHEREAS, the 2017 update to the WRIA 8 Chinook Salmon  
2 Conservation Plan ("WRIA 8 Plan") is an addendum to the 2005 WRIA  
3 8 Chinook Salmon Conservation Plan, and includes a scientific  
4 framework, Chinook salmon population goals to achieve sustainable and  
5 harvestable populations, habitat restoration goals, recovery strategies,  
6 a list of priority projects and programmatic actions, and a monitoring  
7 and adaptive management plan; and

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9 WHEREAS, 28 local governments in WRIA 8 partner through an  
10 interlocal agreement to jointly fund implementation of the WRIA 8 Plan  
11 through 2025 to advance their shared interest in and responsibility for  
12 addressing long-term watershed planning and conservation of aquatic  
13 ecosystems and floodplains for purposes of implementing the WRIA 8  
14 Plan and improving watershed health; and

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16 WHEREAS, the WRIA 8 partners recognize participating in the  
17 ILA and implementing priorities in the WRIA 8 Plan demonstrates their  
18 commitment to proactively working to address the ESA listing of Chinook  
19 salmon; and

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21 WHEREAS, WRIA 8 partners took formal action in 2005 and 2006  
22 to ratify the WRIA 8 Plan, and

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24 WHEREAS, in March 1999, the National Oceanic and  
25 Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Fisheries listed the Puget Sound  
26 Chinook salmon evolutionary significant unit, including the Cedar and  
27 Sammamish populations in WRIA 8, as a threatened species under the  
28 Endangered Species Act (ESA); and

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30 WHEREAS, an essential ingredient for the development and  
31 implementation of an effective recovery program is coordination and  
32 cooperation among federal, state, and local agencies, tribes, businesses,  
33 researchers, non-governmental organizations, landowners, citizens, and  
34 other stakeholders as required; and

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36 WHEREAS, local jurisdictions have authority over some habitat-  
37 based aspects of Chinook survival through land use and other policies  
38 and programs; and the state and tribes, who are the legal co-managers  
39 of the fishery resource, are responsible for addressing harvest and  
40 hatchery management in WRIA 8; and

41 WHEREAS, the City of Kirkland values ecosystem health; water  
42 quality improvement; flood hazard reduction; open space protection;  
43 and maintaining a legacy for future generations, including commercial,  
44 tribal, and sport fishing, quality of life, and cultural heritage; and

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46 WHEREAS, the City of Kirkland supports cooperation at the WRIA  
47 level to set common priorities for actions among partners, efficient use  
48 of resources and investments, and distribution of responsibility for  
49 actions and expenditures; and

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51 WHEREAS, the WRIA 8 Chinook Salmon Conservation Plan  
52 (WRIA 8 Plan) is one of 15 watershed-based chapters of the Puget  
53 Sound Salmon Recovery Plan; and

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55 WHEREAS, the Puget Sound Partnership serves as the Puget  
56 Sound regional organization and lead for planning and implementing the  
57 Puget Sound Salmon Recovery Plan, approved by NOAA Fisheries; and

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59 WHEREAS, in WRIA 8, habitat protection and restoration actions  
60 to significantly increase Chinook productivity trends are necessary, in  
61 conjunction with other recovery efforts, to avoid extinction in the near  
62 term and restore WRIA 8 Chinook to viability in the long term; and

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64 WHEREAS, the WRIA 8 Plan recognizes that salmon recovery is  
65 a long-term effort, and focuses on a 10-year implementation time  
66 horizon to allow for evaluation of progress and updating Plan goals and  
67 priorities; and

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69 WHEREAS, the City of Kirkland has implemented habitat  
70 restoration and protection projects, and uses the WRIA 8 Plan and  
71 salmon habitat recovery strategies and goals as guidance in its land use  
72 and public outreach policies and programs; and

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74 WHEREAS, it is important to provide jurisdictions, the private  
75 sector and the public with certainty and predictability regarding the  
76 course of salmon recovery actions that the region will be taking in WRIA  
77 8, including the Puget Sound nearshore; and

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79 WHEREAS, if insufficient action is taken at the local and regional  
80 level, it is unlikely Chinook salmon populations in WRIA 8 will improve  
81 and it is possible the federal government could list Puget Sound Chinook  
82 salmon as an endangered species, thereby decreasing local flexibility.

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84 NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the City Council of the City  
85 of Kirkland as follows:

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87 Section 1. The City of Kirkland hereby ratifies the 2017 update  
88 to the *Lake Washington/Cedar/Sammamish Watershed Chinook Salmon*

89 *Conservation Plan*, dated September, 2017 (2017 Plan). Ratification is  
90 intended to convey the City's approval and support for the following:  
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- 92 1. Conserving and recovering Chinook salmon and other anadromous  
93 fish, focusing on preserving, protecting and restoring habitat with  
94 the intent to recover listed species, including sustainable, genetically  
95 diverse, harvestable populations of naturally spawning Chinook  
96 salmon.  
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- 98 2. Providing multiple benefits to people and fish through Plan  
99 implementation, including flood hazard reduction; water quality  
100 improvement; open space protection; and maintaining a legacy for  
101 future generations, including commercial, tribal and sport fishing,  
102 quality of life, and cultural heritage.  
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- 104 3. Continuing to work collaboratively with other jurisdictions and  
105 stakeholders in WRIA 8 to implement the WRIA 8 Plan as updated  
106 in 2017.  
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- 108 4. Using the habitat goals and associated recovery strategies in the  
109 2017 Plan update as a basis for local actions recommended in the  
110 Plan and as one source of best available science for future projects,  
111 ordinances, programmatic actions, and other appropriate local  
112 government activities.  
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- 114 5. Supporting implementation of the 2017 Plan's Monitoring and  
115 Assessment Plan on a watershed basis, including an adaptive  
116 management approach to implementation and funding to address  
117 uncertainties and ensure cost-effectiveness by tracking actions,  
118 assessing action effectiveness, learning from results of actions,  
119 reviewing assumptions and strategies, making corrections where  
120 needed, and communicating progress.  
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- 122 6. Using the 2017 Plan project list, recommended land use and  
123 education and outreach actions, and other actions consistent with  
124 the Plan as the suite of WRIA 8 actions to guide priorities for  
125 implementation and funding, including through grants, local capital  
126 improvement projects, ordinances, and other activities.  
127 Jurisdictions, agencies, and stakeholders can choose to implement  
128 these actions at any time.  
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- 130 7. Using an adaptive approach to funding the Plan through both local  
131 sources and by working together (within WRIA 8 and Puget Sound)  
132 to seek federal, state, grant, and other funding opportunities, and  
133 recognizing that funding assumptions, strategies, and options will  
134 be revisited periodically.  
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136 Passed by majority vote of the Kirkland City Council in open  
137 meeting this 6th day of March, 2018.

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Signed in authentication thereof this 6th day of March, 2018.

  
Amy Walen, Mayor

Attest:

  
Kathi Anderson, City Clerk